

REMARKS

The claims remaining in this case are therefore Claims 1, 3-11, 22-24 and 26. Applicant notes the allowance of Claims 22 and 24. Independent Claims 1, 23 and 26 have been amended to incorporate language which is believed to distinguish the respective claims over the prior art.

Applicant wishes to express his appreciation for the telephonic interview with the Examiner on February 4, 2005. The prior art to Weller was discussed, and the Final Office Action dated January 26, 2005 was reviewed. It is noted that the previously filed Supplement Amendment was not entered since it did not place the application in condition for allowance.

Following the interview of February 4, 2005, Applicant is herewith submitting this Amendment which is believed to overcome the rejections and place the application in condition for allowance. Claims 22 and 24 have been noted as having been allowed in the previous Office Action, while each of the remaining non-allowed claims have been amended to include the language

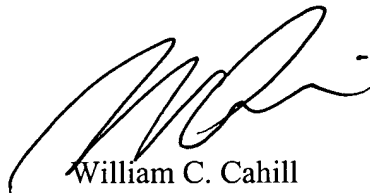
“the distal end of the pin shaft having a larger diameter than the reduced diameter end section of the bore such that its periphery is adapted to engage the tapered end section of the bore”.

It is believed that the quoted language was agreed as distinguishing over the art of record. It is

therefore respectfully submitted that the case is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Cahill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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